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SUBJECT: W/W: LARRY BEGGS,JOHN KIVIPELTO,HAROLD STEWART

REF: BARRANQUILLA 065 AND PREVIOUS

1. CONGRESSMAN DON FUQUA INTERESTED.
2. SINCE EARLY FEBRUARY POST HAS BEEN SEARCHING FOR BEGGS AND STEWART. DAS BOGOTA INFORMED DAS SANTA MARTA THAT THEY ENTERED COLOMBIA ON REGURALY SCHEDULED AVIANCA FLIGHTS JANUARY 18 AND 20, THROUGH BOGOTA. THOUGH NO RECORD OF THEIR DEPARTURE HAS YET BEEN FOUND,IF THEY WERE BACK IN THE US ON JANUARY 27, WHEN THEY SUPPOSEDLY LEFT FOR COLOMBIA IN LOCKHEED LODESTAR N 710 F, THERE IS NOW NO EVIDENCE THEY EVER CAME BACK TO COLOMBIA. NEITHER THEY NOR THEIR AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN FOUND,THOUGH POLICE AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN CARTAGENA, SANTA MARTA,RIOHACHA AND BUENAVISTA, GUAJIRA HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF CASE, AND SEVERAL AIRCRASH SITES HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATED.

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3. THOUGH LAARY BEGGS BROTHER-IN-LAW INFORMED CONOFF HE HAD UNCLE LIVING IN BARRANQUILLA,AND THAT LAWYER HIRED BY UNCLE HAD FOUND THE THREE MISSING MEN,LOCAL AUTHORITIES DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THEM, AND POST HAS NEVER BEEN INFORMED OF IDENTITY OF UNCLE OR OF LAWYER IN BARRANQUILLA,IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHERE INFORMATION ORIGINATED.

4. POST HAS EXHAUSTED ALL FEASIBLE METHODS OF SEARCHING FOR BEGGS, STEWART AND KIVIPELTO, AND NO EVIDENCE THEY EVER RE-ENTERED COLOMBIA HAS BEEN FOUND. LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE AWARE OF CONSULATE'S INTEREST IN THE THREE AND THEIR AIRCRAFT, AND CONOFF IS CONFIDENT LOCAL AUTHORITIES WILL KEEP POST INFORMED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS. IF ANY INFORMATION DEVELOPS DEPARTMENT WILL BE ADVISED IMMEDIATELY. PETERSON

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